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SUBJECT: IMCO: MEETING DATES OF SPRING 1977 COUNCIL AND  
PERSONNEL ACTIONS FOR OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING

REF: HARTLEY/BLACK TELECON 8/5/76

SUMMARY: SECGEN SRIVASTAVA GRATEFUL FOR ADMIRAL EDWARDS' ACCEPTANCE RECOMMENDED DATES FOR SPRING 1977 COUNCIL AND RELATED MEETINGS. HE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE SOONEST AS TO HOW ADMIRAL EDWARDS WOULD SUGGEST RAISING MATTER OF ELEVATION MENSAAH TO D2 STATUS BASED UPON HIS ASSIGNMENT OF ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES. SECGEN ALSO PROPOSES ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION SHIFTS TO PROVIDE US CITIZEN IMCO EMPLOYEE DAVID EDWARDS REGULAR POSITION IN TECHNICAL COOPERATION DIVISION. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING REF TELECON AGREEMENT TO DATES FOR SPRING 1977 COUNCIL MEETING, EMBASSY INFORMED SECGEN, WHO GRATELY APPRECIATED ADMIRAL EDWARDS' UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION, HE WILL PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

JUNE 1-2, 1977 - 14TH SESSION, COMMITTEE ON

TECHNICAL COOPERATION

JUNE 3, 1977 - MEETING OF BUDGETARY WORKING GROUP

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JUNE 6-10, 1977- 38TH SESSION, COUNCIL

2. AS PER CONVERSATIONS SECGEN HELD WITH US DELEGATION DURING 36TH SESSION OF COUNCIL IN JUNE, SECGEN PROPOSES TO EXTEND RESPONSIBILITY OF MENSAH TO INCLUDE COORDINATION OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS OF IMCO. BASED ON THESE BROADER RESPONSIBILITIES, HE PROPOSES TO ELEVATE MENSAH TO D2 STATUS. THIS LATTER ACTION WILL REQUIRE COUNCIL APPROVAL BECAUSE OF THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS. SECGEN DESIRES ADMIRAL EDWARDS GUIDANCE AS TO WHETHER HE WOULD LIKE TO RAISE THIS MATTER IN COUNCIL AS CHAIRMAN AND CALL UPON THE SECGEN TO GIVE AN ORAL EXPLANATION OR WOULD PREFER THAT THE SECGEN SUBMIT A DOCUMENT REQUESTING COUNCIL ACTION. SECGEN IS EAGER TO ISSUE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO AVOID COMPLAINTS ABOUT LATE DISTRIBUTION OF DOCUMENTATION AS OCCURRED AT LAST COUNCIL MEETING.

3. US CITIZEN DAVID EDWARDS HAS BEEN SEEKING REGULAR ASSIGNMENT TO POSITION IN TECHNICAL COOPERATION DIVISION. HE IS PRESENTLY ASSIGNED TO TECHNICAL DIVISION WITH RESPECT TO CONTAINER WORK BUT IS ALSO WORKING IN THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION DIVISION ASSISTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. SECGEN PROPOSES TO TRANSFER A PRESENTLY VACANT POSITION, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON IMCO CONVENTIONS, FROM THE TECHNICAL DIVISION TO THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION DIVISION WHERE THE POSITION WOULD BE USED FOR A FOURTH REGIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE DESK. THE RESTRUCTURING WOULD GIVE THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION DIVISION FOUR REGIONAL DESKS AND PARALLEL ITS ORGANIZATION TO THAT OF UNDP'S. EDWARDS WOULD BE TRANSFERRED INTO THIS NEW POSITION AT HIS PRESENT RANK AND PAY. HE HAS BEEN DOING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE NORTH-AFRICA-MIDDLE EAST AREA WHICH THIS DESK WOULD COVER. THE POSITION HE VACATED IN THE TECHNICAL DIVISION WOULD THEN BE OPEN FOR RECRUITMENT OF A FULL TIME CONTAINER EXPERT WHICH THE DIVISION CHIEF DESIRES. THIS SHIFT WILL INVOLVE NO INCREASE IN BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS. THE SECGEN INTENDS TO INFORM THE COUNCIL OF THIS RESTRUCTURING THROUGH AN INFORMATION NOTE AND NO ACTION IS ANTICIPATED AS NECESSARY BY THE COUNCIL.

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